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U.S. Patent Application No. 09/885,733; Filing Date: June 20, 2001  
Applicant: Yoichiro SAKO et al.  
Entitled: SIGNAL REPRODUCING/RECORDING/-  
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Examiner: Beemnet W. DADA  
Attorney Docket No. 450100-3601.9

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See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

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